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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97. and 1.98, applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) accompanied by the Form PTO-1449 with the prior art references listed therein.

Since the above-identified application was filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the US Patent documents cited in this IDS are required. Further, because the document is in the English language, no concise explanation of its relevancy is necessary, as pointed out in 37 CFR §1.98 (3)(i).

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, this information is believed to be timely filed under 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed references is deemed proper, and is therefore respectfully requested.

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